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"Carthage, December 21, (1811)

"On the night of the 15th inst. about 3 o'clock in the morning, the citizens of Carthage were very much alarmed with the shock of an Earthquake. Imagination can not point out the horrors it produced on the mind. The uncommon darkness of the night, the profound calmness - the houses shaking and tottering - the earth rolling and quivering to its center. In this situation the inhabitants were aroused from their sleep, perfectly ignorant on their first alarm what gave rise to this awful event until they were convinced that it was an earthquake and that some distant country was fallen a victim to its ravages. The next morning about sunrise, we received another shock but not as severe as the first, and have still experienced them at considerable intervals of 48 hours - the tops of several chimneys were shaken off, but no injury received as we have heard of - the concussion has reached as far as we have had it in our power to receive information from. We wait with anxiety to hear what country has been affected by it.

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